

# SENATE BILL No. 19

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-38.1-1-12.

**Synopsis:** Equine dentistry. Provides that equine dentistry is not included in the practice of veterinary medicine.

**Effective:** July 1, 2016.

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January 5, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. IC 25-38.1-1-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2015,  
2       SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 12. (a) "Practice of veterinary medicine" means:  
4       (1) representing oneself as engaged in the practice of:  
5           (A) veterinary medicine;  
6           (B) veterinary surgery; ~~or~~  
7           (C) veterinary dentistry, **except as provided in subsection**  
8           **(b); or**  
9           (D) any of ~~their the~~ branches or specialties **of veterinary**  
10          **medicine, veterinary surgery, or, except as provided in**  
11          **subsection (b), veterinary dentistry;**  
12       (2) using words, letters, or titles in a connection or under  
13       circumstances that may induce another person to believe that the  
14       person using them is engaged in the practice of veterinary  
15       medicine, veterinary surgery, or, **except as provided in**  
16       **subsection (b), veterinary dentistry;**  
17       (3) accepting compensation for doing any of the things described



in subdivisions (4) through (8);  
 (4) providing the diagnosis, treatment, correction, or prevention  
 of any disease, defect, injury, deformity, pain, or condition of  
 animals;

(5) prescribing, dispensing, or ordering the administration of a  
 drug, a medicine, a biologic, a medical appliance, an application,  
 or treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief  
 of any disease, ailment, defect, injury, deformity, pain, or other  
 condition of animals;

(6) performing a:

(A) surgical ~~or dental~~ operation; ~~or~~

**(B) except as provided in subsection (b), dental operation;  
 or**

~~(B) complimentary~~ **(C) complementary** or alternative therapy;  
 upon an animal;

(7) certifying the health, fitness, or soundness of an animal; or

(8) performing any procedure for the diagnosis of pregnancy,  
 sterility, or infertility upon animals.

(b) The term does not include **the following:**

(1) Administering a drug, medicine, appliance, application, or  
 treatment that is administered at the direction and under the direct  
 supervision of a veterinarian licensed under this article. ~~or~~

(2) Equine massage therapy.

**(3) Equine dentistry, including the diagnosis, treatment,  
 correction, or prevention of any dental disease, defect, injury,  
 deformity, pain, or condition of a horse. Equine dentistry does  
 not include:**

**(A) prescribing a drug; or**

**(B) diagnosing a medical condition that is not dentally  
 related.**

(c) As used in this section, "equine massage therapy" means a  
 method of treating the body of a horse for remedial or hygienic  
 purposes through techniques that:

(1) include rubbing, stroking, or kneading the body of the horse;  
 and

(2) may be applied with or without the aid of a massage device  
 that mimics the actions possible using human hands.

Equine massage therapy does not include prescribing a drug,  
 performing surgery, chiropractic, or acupuncture, or diagnosing a  
 medical condition.

